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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of our second full week of school and the children are used to all the new routines. We have been having three video assemblies a week which are themed around our school values and our PSHE topics. So far we have talked about how we all BELONG to the school community and talked about being CREATIVE. Every Friday is still Celebration Assembly, where I am revealing which children have been chosen for a Behaviour Award or are Star of the Week. We also use this time to celebrate Doodle Maths achievements and children who have reached Class Dojo point milestones.

I would like to welcome officially our new staff members. They have settled into school brilliantly and are building positive relationships with the children. Those members of staff are:

- Sarah Strong – Year 1 class teacher
- Dan Wase – Year 2 class teacher
- Charlotte Angell – Year 3 class teacher
- Emily Light – Year 4 class teacher
- Jo Pen-Collings – Year 5 class teacher
- Lisa Bailey – Reception MTA
- Kerri Hart – Year 5 MTA
- Mel Full – Year 5 MTA

This week, each class has sent out the class newsletter for this half term. You should have received it via Class Dojo.

New Recruit to School

Over the past two weeks, some of you may have heard about a new recruit to school. We now have a cockapoo puppy in the office on Wednesdays to Fridays called Luna. She is training to be a school dog and is spending the majority of her day with the admin team. School dogs are widely accepted as a powerful aid to stimulation and communication. Studies have shown that the presence of companion animals can improve the well-being of children and lower the rate of anxiety, simply by making the environment happier, more enjoyable and less forbidding.



At present, Luna is not working but has met a few children through being in school. She is always accompanied by her owner or key staff member and over time we hope to train her up to support children's and staff wellbeing more regularly. In the meantime, she is acclimatising herself to school around the office for the majority of the day. We are not aware of any children with allergies to dogs but please update us if that is something that effects your child. As a cockapoo, she doesn't drop fur like most dogs so we are not expecting dog hair to be a problem.

Have a great weekend,

Eddie Brown

SAFE, RESPECTED AND READY TO STEP OUT INTO THE WORLD

Belong

Creative

Sustainability

Curious

Empowered